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Grey scale imaging by transcutaneous, transvaginal and endoscopic routes is a well established procedure in diagnostic medicine. To date, the results of follow-up studies on patients and children who had been examined before birth have not demonstrated a causal link between adverse health effects and ultrasound exposure.

RECOMMENDATION

Care should be exercised to ensure that the examinations are performed prudently using the ALARA (as low as reasonably achievable) principle of applying lowest acoustic output and dwell time consistent with that required to obtain the necessary diagnostic information.



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